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R. H. KNOX IS DEAD

R. H. Knox, well known Independence man, who recently moved to Springfield, died this morning of heart trouble. No other information could be obtained as The Monitor goes to press.

SWOPE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The enrollment of the Oregon National Guard into active service may create several vacancies on the county tickets among them being representative as Captain Conrad Staffin is the Republican nominee. Should this vacancy occur, The Monitor suggests the nomination of B. F. Swope. In the recent primaries Mr. Swope received a large vote for district attorney and was only defeated by a small margin, showing unusual strength and popularity. He would be a good man to represent Polk county in the legislature. Independence has no candidate on the Republican ticket, and all things considered, it would not only be creditable but advantageous to give Mr. Swope the nomination.

THE MOOSE IS DEAD

The Moose is dead. It gave up the ghost in Chicago this week. Mr. Hughes gets the head and Mr. Wilson gets the tail.

GRAVE QUESTION UP

The annual school meeting in the Highland district has raised a question that has them all guessing. The clerk forgot to bring the minutes of the last regular meeting and two special meetings and rather than have him make a trip home after them, their reading was dispensed with and the other business of the meeting was taken up and disposed of, including the levying a one mill tax. Afterwards it occurred to some one that perhaps the meeting wasn't legal because the minutes of the previous meetings had not been approved. One of them asked two attorneys and they didn't know. Then the county superintendent was called upon and he didn't know. The state superintendent was next addressed and he didn't know. In fact, nobody knows and everybody, who was asked for an opinion, is now "looking it up." The attorney general will have it to solve and everybody is hoping for an early opinion from somebody because everybody in this section is arguing pro and con and the situation is getting to be critical.

RECRUITS WANTED

The organization of a company of militia is now being perfected in Polk county and volunteers are asked for. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., a captain of the Oregon National Guard upon the reserve list, is assuming the initiative. The company must be recruited within ten days. Application papers can be found at the Independence National Bank in Independence and at Walker's confectionery store in Monmouth. It is hoped, of course, that the company will never have to be called, but no one knows how serious the Mexican situation may become and perhaps more men will be required. If so, patriotic Polk County will be ready to do its part for Old Glory and the newly organized company will respond.

Dallas, Oregon, June 28. Editor Monitor—As a captain of the Oregon National Guard upon the reserve list I am looking to me to take the lead in the organization of a volunteer company in Polk county. This burden I am willing to assume and have already taken the initial steps. However, this is a matter that should receive prompt and immediate consideration. I have communicated with the state military authorities and from what I learn, it seems practically certain that a call for volunteers will come. Under such circumstances it behooves each and every one of us who desire to offer our services to our country in this her time of need, to act promptly and decisively. We cannot afford to hang back waiting for the other fellow. Let us get together at once and organize and be ready for immediate muster into the government service when the call comes. By getting together without further delay, we can get some drilling and instruction and then put ourselves in position to make good soldiers when needed. I will make a personal effort to get as many ex-militiamen to sign up as possible, thus securing a nucleus of trained men for the new unit. Before we can organize, however, it is absolutely essential that the required number of men sign an agreement to enlist should proper authority be granted. It is upon this agreement that the proper authorization is given. In case there is no actual service in Mexico or elsewhere, those men enlisting would perhaps be discharged at once. In order to make the movement a success, the earnest support of the newspapers of the county is absolutely necessary. That we will have your patriotic and earnest support is assured. Publicity is needed, and I shall depend upon you entirely to give the matter the necessary publicity. Above all, it must be impressed upon the people that prompt action is necessary. It should not take to exceed ten days to secure the necessary number of signatures. This is a time for us to quit talking and act. Let us show our patriotism by deeds, rather than by words. Let us be true Americans in every sense of the word. Our country will undoubtedly need us, and will undoubtedly call for us, for the Mexican situation will be no small thing to solve, and it will take several hundred thousand men to do it completely; let us now, and immediately, commence to prepare ourselves. Each man settle this for himself, and immediately upon arriving at his decision, let him at once go to the nearest place where there is a form of agreement and sign same. Polk County Itemizer and Observer offices, Dallas, Independence National Bank in Independence, J. C. Talbot's Furniture Store, in Falls City, and D. C. Walker's Confectionery in Monmouth. Let us all get busy, and establish another record for old Polk. Our company is the 3rd Oregon and on its way to the border, was one of the first to mobilize, and the 2nd company in the United States to be mustered into the service for the Government. Let us follow up this record by getting busy at once on another company—a company from Polk County.

3 WARDS WANTED

A petition is being circulated and being signed by nearly everybody requesting the city council to divide the city into three wards for the election of councilmen. The divisions are the same as the voting precincts. Petitions for a similar purpose have been presented before and have not been acted upon, but there is every reason to believe that the effort this time will be successful. The election of councilmen by wards is the most satisfactory and just, as it gives all parts of the city equal representation and a voice in the city government.

A REBEKAH TIME

Rebekahs are preparing for a great time tonight, as Mrs. Wattenburg, president of the Order in Oregon, is to be present. The Rebekahs are noted for their "big doin's" and tonight's event will be no exception. Those fortunate enough to know the pass word—they will all be there.

DIED

Jasper E. Rhodes, a former well known Polk county citizen and former director of the Independence National Bank, died suddenly at his home in Drewsey, Harney county, on Wednesday of last week. While a resident here he lived on a farm south of Independence.

THE FOURTH

Next Tuesday is July 4th and nearly all business houses in Independence will be closed. It is presumed that a majority of our people will go to Salem, where it is reported there will be something doing. Buena Vista will have a big crowd.

'BUSTED' HER BOTTOM

The Grahahoma went on the "rocks" at Eola the first of the week and "busted" a hole in her bottom. It was several days before she got away.

P AISES MRS. CONKEY

Editor Monitor: Three cheers for Mrs. Ruth Conkey. She will stand by the home teachers our children love. A Mother.

LULL IN WAR CRISIS

Yesterday Carranza complied with the demand of the United States for the release of the 24 men captured in the skirmish at Carrizal and immediate action by the United States was averted. Carranza has not yet answered other demands of the United States but a reply from him is expected tomorrow. The situation is such that there is not much hope for peace.

The national guard of all the 48 states is going to the border and Uncle Sam's fighting men are ready for any emergency.

VOLUNTEERS OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

Just fifty years ago from this time when the Oregon Guard is being mustered into the service because of the probability of war with Mexico, the First Oregon Cavalry and the First Oregon Infantry were mustered out of service as the great war between the states was over.

The following from Polk county enlisted in these two bodies and served from 1864 to 1866:

Captain Chas. LaFollett

Second Lieutenant W. R. Dunbar

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| Allen C. A. | Birdsell W. | Bowman J. P. |
| Campbell J. P. | Campbell W. G. | Caves Josiah |
| Clark Erial | Cosper David | Crowley Thos. |
| Cox C. H. | Cox J. B. | Dyer George |
| Eddy A. P. | Fryer T. J. | Gholson J. W. |
| Grant Wm. | Grounds Peter | Holman P. |
| Hubbard I. W. | Jones Leroy | Kennedy J. H. |
| Kramer S. G. | McReynolds R. | McTimmonds H. C. |
| Naught F. M. | Nichols F. G. | Richardson J. W. |
| Riggs G. W. | Riggs J. B. | Sargent W. J. |
| Sebring W. H. | Sebring F. M. | Seward G. M. |
| Shannon Wm. | Shelley J. M. | Schriver H. P. |
| Smith Henry | Smith K. M. | Smith B. M. |
| Simpson A. M. | Staats J. H. | Stewart J. W. |
| Taylor John | Watson H. H. | Way J. M. |
| Wilheit L. F. | Wilkinson T. H. | Zumwalt L. S. |

How to Keep on Living

The Bulletin, issued by a prominent life insurance company, says:
"Be sure that there is air in the rooms in which you sleep."
Excellent advice, indeed! But why stop there? Why not give the other essential rules for those who wish to keep on living to the end of their allotted span? For example:
Be sure that there is food upon the plate from which you eat.
Be sure that there is some palatable liquid in the vessel from which you drink.
Be sure that there is water in the bathtub in which you bathe.
By following all of these simple rules almost any one can live to a happy old age.—Life.

HE WAS ENOUGH

A PROMINENT Texan in Washington recently expressed doubt that the United States army should have been sent into Mexico to capture Villa, suggesting that a company of Texas rangers would have been better, which brought out the story of a certain well known ranger captain and a riot at Fort Worth.



"Where is your company?"

Excited citizens wired to the governor for a company of rangers to be sent without delay. A large delegation of citizens met the train on which relief was supposed to come. A quiet little man with a broad felt hat on the back of his head alighted and was recognized as the captain of a company of rangers.

"Captain," a half dozen excited citizens exclaimed at once, "what does this mean? Where in the world is your company?"

"Company be —" the ranger captain made answer. "They ain't but one riot heah, is they?"—Everybody's.

BOTH OF THEM

The Pessimist.
WE knock the pessimist at times. Because in gloom he glories. But here's a boast—he never tries To tell us funny stories. —Puck.

The Optimist.
BUT don't forget the optimist. Who's in all seasons sunny? He laughs when jokes are very good And smiles if they're not funny. —Yonkers Statesman.

MALE AND FEMALE MODESTY

Probably you think as we used to think, that the female of the human species is more modest than the male, but up town the other afternoon there was a flock of maidens parading the streets apparently perfectly oblivious of the fact that the wind was lifting their short skirts clear above their knees. A man happened along, and the elastic that should have been holding up his left sock was dragging on the ground. The girls saw it and laughed, and the man, discovered, fell in a faint. Now, then, what have you got to say? —Drovers' Telegram.

Log Cabin Philosophy

Wisdom Of Uncle Moses

WHEN de wise man goes out to de barn in de mornin' and finds that durin' de night some one has stolen his ole mawl, he don't sail off to de police and make a holler about it. He knows dat de thief will return dat night arter de harness and dat if he sets up wid his shotgun across his knees he will have a chance to pepper de guilty party.

I knowed a man who built a barn, and no sooner was it finished than he began to worry as to whether de doahs were big enough to admit a load of hay. He went on worryin' for three months and had almost reached a bed of sickness dan he discovered he had no load of hay to drive into dat barn.

In my lifetime I have heard fifty different husbands declar' dat matrimony was a failure, and I alius noticed dat dey were husbands who whar doin' der very best to make it so. Most anythin' am a failure if we want it to be.

De man is a werry foolish man who sweats his collar tryin' to drive his hawg out of his garden. If dat hog am left alone fur ten minutes he will suddenly decide dat some one else's garden is a better place fur him dan yours.

I have knowed lots of folks in my time dat begun about January to worry about whether the watermelon crop of July would be short on account of de drought, and yet most of does pusses were dead and buried when de first melon reached de market. It is more sensible to worry about de past dan "Anything Am a Failure if We Want It to Be."

While honesty am de best policy, as we all know, de honest man who don't somehow make 10 per cent out of it am goin' to arrive at dat point whar he can't raise money 'nuff to buy a clothesline to hang his only shirt on.

I don't alius try to win de good opinion of my fellow men, but when it comes to my dawg I want his respect, fur den he will follow me aroun' wid out his tail draggin' on de groun'.

A few times in my life I have visited another man's hen roost and removed a hen or two for my consumption, but it has alius occurred in such cases dat de ole woman's spoiled de chicken in de cookin' or de laigs of de cook stove fell out an' set de cabin afire. De man who gits out of de straight and narver path has got to pay fur it in some way.

Deir am no law agin a man wearin' fo' watch chains and carryin' fo' watches at once, but it has alius seemed to me, when I met up wid sich a case dat a pussen was expectin' de fule killer and wanted to be on time to git a crack on de head. Still, he may have jist takin' dem watches out of pawn and am feelin' mighty happy. M. QUAD

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